

SUCU General Meeting Minutes 21st Jan 2021, 1-2pm

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of the previous and matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Brief news

A report back on the branch meetings held so far this year, including action groups and a meeting for professional services members. At the latter, particular concerns were raised about the library and we are currently in the process of trying to set up a health and safety inspection with the other trade unions [ACTION: this was held 25th February 2021]. Reference to the Congress delegates item: we only have 4 volunteers and space for 5 delegates so please put your name forward before that item if you would like to attend. Call for delegates to Trades Council if members are interested. National UCU meetings upcoming: for casualised members and PS members. Notification of branch committee away days this month to go over campaign and work priorities. Update on twinning initiative with Nablus and the adoption of the IHRA definition by the University.

4. Semester two plans

A discussion was held about planning for semester two. UCU's position is that all teaching (with limited exceptions) should be online at least until Easter. Lack of clarity around the 'do what you can' prioritisation message and key worker status. Reference to GTAs not being offered work because they are not in the UK - this should not happen, please contact us with examples.

5. Branch motion - Camp Residents of Penally

The motion was presented and passed.

6. USS

An update was given on USS, which continues to be cause for concern, including with ongoing delays.

7. Congress delegates were elected

8. AOB

Update on family leave policies Rent strike support motion was proposed and passed